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Dear Mr. Conroy:

On April 25, 2011, the Department of Environmental Protection submitted amendments to the Chapter 100 Definitions Regulations for inclusion into Maine's State Implementation Plan. These amendments added definitions of greenhouse gases and CO₂ equivalent emissions, and were undertaken to allow Maine to implement its major source licensing program for greenhouse gases as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Tailoring Rule (71 FR 31514). It has since come to our attention that these amendments do not address existing major sources of greenhouse gases making a significant modification of greenhouse gases. The Department is therefore withdrawing its April submittal, and will be addressing this inconsistency in the near future concurrent with amendments to implement the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jeff Crawford of my staff at (207) 287-7647.

Sincerely,

Melanie Loyzim, Acting Director
Bureau of Air Quality

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